

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

BAPTISMS.

Since my last letter nine have been baptized. I baptized three on Thursday night, and then having to leave for Napanee, the others were left for sister Sadie Gibbons, who baptized them on the next Thursday evening, and all report a splendid meeting. Others are on the way and the truth is growing, for the Spirit is leading.

A LEAKY BAPTISTERY.

Our Baptistery leaked, which caused us some trouble and made it rather unpleasant. Brother Hesse called the plumbers in and after working on it for hours had to tear it apart and rebuild. This causes additional expense but it must be made right in the start. Now we have a first class burial place, and we want to build our work right in the mission, and while it may require some sacrifice of people we will have the work on a proper foundation and built for the future. We want no leaky church.

HELPING PREACHERS.

Brother Barth preached for me several times. Brother Brindle gave us some good practical sermons. Dr. Chapman who had been a missionary in Africa, now attending lectures at Physio-Medical College preached for us. Dick Lane also gave us a night, this man spent forty years in sin and shame and is now clean and whole. This help is all appreciated. Brother Barth and wife are recent additions to the church, they have been Christian workers for a number of years, having had a noble training as officers in the Salvation Army. Brother Barth found our mission from an address on "The Arch Gate," which he found along the sidewalk. We welcome them among us and pray God to bless them. Brother Brindle is one of our own men and I was glad to meet him and his good wife and two grand-daughters in the city, they stand by the mission.

MONEY NEEDED.

We must have an organ, we ought to have some furniture for the stand, something to cover part of the floor; but how can we get these things. It takes money. Fifteen dollars a week must be raised to pay for rent, gas and coal, and not a cent left for food, clothes, car fare and numerous little expenses that grow out of such a work. We had everything paid for except last months rent, though we had to use some borrowed money to do it. Now we have two months rent due, and earnestly ask a payment from those who pledged to this work. We are finding no fault Breth-

ren, we are pleased with the work, but simply state facts so you can act accordingly. The Washington Mission is about the same way, and Brother Lyon, of 315, 9th St., S. E., will be just as glad to hear from you as John Duke, of Chicago. Let the help slip along and ease our minds and push along the cause.

TENDER CONSCIENCE WANTED.

"A friend from Falls City," Nebraska, says: "My dear brother in Christ to partially clear my guilty conscience, I here enclose ten dollars to use as you see fit." When I read that I prayed that others might long to clear their guilty conscience. That came just in time to help us out of a tight place, and to say that it was appreciated is to put it mild. While quoting I will give you this extract. A brother said, "Our church being composed largely of people successful in a worldly way, they have no sympathy with the needy and unsuccessful. But your Chicago letters are an eye opener to them. You are troubling the waters. Thousands with heavy purses are having heavier hearts these days, because they read your letters they hate to part with the money, and they hate that heavy conscience. Thousands of professing Christians go to bed with stomach so over loaded they can't sleep, and oh how they are convicted of sin, when you tell them of the hungry and suffering on all hands. I pray daily for your health, and the success of the Chicago Mission. May God bless you." And may God bless that brother, I would like to call him by name, but I "dasn't"—the Lord reward him. Had it not been for the prayers of such faithful ones I would not have gone through the work I have had. The Lord answers prayer.

A SAD FALL FROM RIGHT.

In a note from Sister Sadie, I read with sadness the following: "— has got in trouble. Forged a \$25 check, they took him to the station last night. He got it cashed at a grocery a week ago last Sunday; next morning he left the city to hunt work, came back yesterday, and last night between 8 and 9 they got hold of him. Mrs — came with — and called me out of the mission just as we closed. She also has a notice served on her to leave or be set out on 5 days notice and that is up to-day. She is crushed, she says. "Will you pray for me and my children in my trouble." I have tried to get that man to come into the church. Had he done so he would have had safe guards around him, as it is wife and children are crushed and he a criminal. There are elements of sadness about this case that I cannot

speak of. I mention the above to warn you boys, always do right if you have to starve doing it.

Brethren pray for our continued success, your prayers help us.

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PROGRAM.

Kosciusko County Association, March 27, 28, 1897, to be held at Milford, Ind.

2:30 P. M.

Devotional services and opening address, G. W. Rench.

Response, C. F. Yoder.

Written reports of churches and Auxiliary Societies by pastors.

Our mission points, How shall we care for them?

Discussion.

General business.

EVENING SESSION.

Praise service, Arthur Wirick.

The Responsibility of the Older Church Members, for the Care of the New Members, W. C. Perry.

Discussion.

How to Keep up the Revival Spirit, G. W. Rench.

Experience meeting.

Topic: Self Denial Boxes.

The claims of the auxiliary societies upon the new converts.

The Sunday-school, Maud Edgell.

The S. S. C. E., Mrs. Anna E. Switzer.

The K. C. of C. E., L. O. Hubbard.

The Missionary Reading Circle, C. F. Yoder.

SUNDAY MORNING.

9:30—Praise meeting, D. A. Hopkins.

9:30—Sunday-school.

10:30—Sermon, J. M. Fox.

2:30—Junior meeting.

3:00—Sermon—The Plea of the Brethren Church, C. F. Yoder.

6:00—Senior K. C. of C. E.

7:00—Bible Lesson, D. A. Hopkins.

7:30—Sermon, J. M. Fox.

C. F. YODER,

Mrs. F. E. RHORER,

MISS MANIER.

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CLARA A. SHROYER, Sec.

Matrimonial.

WEST—STEWART.—On March 4, 1897, the marriage of Alton M. West and Miss Ophelia Stewart, both of near Winchester, Ohio, occurred. May they have smooth sailing, a pleasant voyage and may their life be a success.

JOSIAH KEIM.